



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 192

Assembly Amendment 1

Memo published: March 21, 2001

Contact: Dan Schmidt, Analyst (267-7251)

Current law prohibits educational institutions (with the exception of private colleges and universities) from assigning a student an identification number that is identical to, or incorporates, the student's Social Security number.

Assembly Bill 192 requires state and local governments and business entities conducting business in Wisconsin to investigate the feasibility of developing and using a unique personal identifier, as an alternative to the Social Security number, for any individual who receives or may receive any type of service or product from government or a business. The bill also requires government and business entities to consider using the unique personal identifier where practical and legal, and when mailing items, creating or maintaining databases, or generally identifying an individual.

Assembly Amendment 1 incorporates language that encourages businesses to investigate the use of unique personal identifiers for their own employees as well as individuals who receive or may receive any type of product or service from the business. If a business determines that it is appropriate to substitute unique personal identifiers for Social Security numbers, the business is required to consider the use of the unique personal identifier for its employees, as well as individuals who receive or may receive any type of service or product from the business.

Assembly Amendment 1 was adopted by the Assembly by a voice vote on March 20, 2001.

DWS:tlu